



SOUTHAMPTON

Hampshire County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Southampton started out as a farming community and has retained much of that atmosphere through the years, although there are few farms left. The center of town is small and inconspicuous but with an increasing population, there is more involvement in community functions.

Residents and guests have been proud to celebrate the Town's founding with Old Home Days, which is celebrated with picnics, parades, history lessons, children's story hour, art exhibits, car shows and dances. Previous residents from all across the country visit occasionally to share their stories and history to this three day annual community event.

The Southampton Youth Athletic Association provides involvement for youth and gives them a sense of accomplishment outside the structures of the school system.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by Westhampton on the northwest, Easthampton on the northeast, Holyoke on the east, Westfield on the south, and Montgomery and Huntington on the west. Southampton is 17 miles northwest of Springfield and 100 miles west of Boston.

Total Area: 29.08 sq. miles

Land Area: 28.15 sq. miles

Population: 4,478

Density: 159 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Knightville Dam Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.7°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Mount Tom, Woronoco, Easthampton, Westhampton

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 529-0106

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Administrative Assistant

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1775

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 2,777

Democrats 790 28.4 % Republicans 434 15.6 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 1,553 55.9 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Southamptown town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	5,387	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	5,387	100.0
Male.....	2,614	48.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	47	0.9
Female.....	2,773	51.5	Mexican.....	11	0.2
Under 5 years.....	297	5.5	Puerto Rican.....	26	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	419	7.8	Cuban.....	1	-
10 to 14 years.....	395	7.3	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	9	0.2
15 to 19 years.....	392	7.3	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	5,340	99.1
20 to 24 years.....	210	3.9	White alone.....	5,264	97.7
25 to 34 years.....	606	11.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	961	17.8	Total population.....	5,387	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	1,067	19.6	In households.....	5,387	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	312	5.8	Householder.....	1,985	36.8
60 to 64 years.....	203	3.8	Spouse.....	1,327	24.6
65 to 74 years.....	282	5.2	Child.....	1,750	32.5
75 to 84 years.....	190	3.5	Own child under 18 years.....	1,323	24.6
85 years and over.....	64	1.2	Other relatives.....	149	2.8
Median age (years).....	39.1	(X)	Under 18 years.....	37	0.7
18 years and over.....	4,012	74.5	Nonrelatives.....	176	3.3
Male.....	1,955	36.3	Unmarried partner.....	106	2.0
Female.....	2,067	38.2	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	3,896	71.2	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	655	12.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	536	9.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	224	4.2	Total households.....	1,985	100.0
Female.....	312	5.8	Family households (families).....	1,556	78.4
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	726	36.6
One race.....	5,358	99.5	Married-couple family.....	1,327	66.9
White.....	5,295	98.3	With own children under 18 years.....	609	30.7
Black or African American.....	11	0.2	Female householder, no husband present.....	167	8.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	7	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	90	4.5
Asian.....	34	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	429	21.6
Asian Indian.....	12	0.2	Householder living alone.....	334	16.8
Chinese.....	8	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	134	6.8
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	756	38.1
Japanese.....	1	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	393	19.8
Korean.....	8	0.1	Average household size.....	2.71	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.07	(X)
Other Asian ¹	5	0.1	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	2,025	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	1,985	98.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	40	2.0
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	22	1.1
Some other race.....	11	0.2	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	29	0.5	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	1,985	100.0
White.....	5,324	98.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	1,726	87.0
Black or African American.....	19	0.4	Renter-occupied housing units.....	259	13.0
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	23	0.4	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.82	(X)
Asian.....	38	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.01	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	17	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Southampton is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic location in the Connecticut River Valley and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 10 running N-S. U.S. Routes 5 and 202 and Interstate 91 are easily accessible in Holyoke.

Rail

There is no freight rail service in Southampton, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Southampton is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service, but FRTA provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Huntington Council on Aging.

Other

Barnes Municipal Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility, is easily accessible. It has a 5,000' x 100' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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